

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, June 9, 4:48 p.m.

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Executive Session – Potential Litigation
2. History and Development of Aquatics in Casper
3. Overview of New Report Format for Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft of Executive Summary
4. Discussion of Begonia Bluffs Annexation and Use
 - a. Mike Lansing
 - b. Jeff Meyer
5. Future Agenda Review
6. Council Around the Table

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Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmen Cathey, Hedquist, Hopkins, Johnson, Mundell, Pacheco, Sandoval and Schlager. Councilman Hedquist and Councilman Pacheco were absent.

At 4:49 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Sandoval, seconded by Councilman Cathey to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

At 5:03 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Cathey, seconded by Councilman Hopkins to adjourn the Executive Session.

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Carolyn Griffith, Recreation Division Manager introduced two staff members, Kristin Harns, Aquatics Center Supervisor and Joy Lammers, who has a significant role in oversight of the pools and concession stands. Ms. Griffith provided brief history and overview of the development of aquatics in Casper, including a video presentation. Next, Ms. Harns shared the personal impact the Casper area aquatics has offered throughout her life and now as her livelihood and means to support her family.

Ms. Griffith provided Council with an overview of future goals and plans for the Casper area aquatics. The Splash Pad bid came in at \$345,380, double the amount currently budgeted. Councilman Mundell expressed concern of investing in an outcome that may be less than satisfactory for users. City Manager Patterson agreed and suggested to reject the bid and re-scope the project, Councilmembers agreed. Ms. Griffith answered questions from Councilman Sandoval regarding life span of pools and the Mike Sedar Pool project.

Doug Follick, Leisure Services Director mentioned additional details regarding gathering data for Marion Kreiner Pool usage.

Next, Mayor Powell acknowledged he will need to excuse himself from the meeting and had a couple of items to mention before departing. This year, Parade Day will occur the same day as a scheduled Regular Council Meeting and there have been discussions as to possibly cancel this meeting. Mayor's opinion is with the business that needs to occur and a long Month, it would be best interest to have the meeting. All Councilmembers agreed. Mayor also stated there have been concerns regarding decision to not fund the UW Extension and this might need to be discussed further. The Casper Greenhouse Project has requested to present project updates to Council and this needs to be on a future meeting agenda. Finally, the WAM Joint Appropriations Committee will be meeting this month on 23rd and 24th and have requested someone from Council to attend to represent Casper.

At this point, Mayor Powell excused himself from the meeting. Upon departure of the Mayor, Vice Mayor Sandoval assumed chairing the Session.

Next, Liz Becher, Community Development Director, shared with Council a brief background of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) planning process and the recent changes implemented by HUD.

Joy Clark, Community Development Technician, presented Council with an overview of each section and the HUD changes. In addition, Ms. Clark shared a draft of the Executive Summary of the five-year consolidated plan required by HUD to prioritize the spending of CDBG funding allocated to the City of Casper over the next five years (2015-2019). This item is scheduled for a public hearing at the Regular Council Meeting on June 16th. Councilman Hopkins inquired about affordable housing opportunities for seniors. Councilman Mundell discussed the housing rehabilitation needs in Casper. Ms. Clark addressed additional questions from Vice Mayor Sandoval pertaining to trends and available resources.

City Attorney, Bill Luben presented Council with a map illustration of the Begonia Bluffs Addition. There is a scheduled public hearing at the Regular Council Meeting on June 16th for consideration to Annex the land into the City and Plat a portion into two park areas. Last Friday, there were meetings with the homeowners, Mike Lansing, and Jeff Meyer to discuss additional options. Mr. Lansing and Mr. Meyer were going to be at this Work Session to speak to Council and have elected not to, due to the possibility of additional options. City Attorney Luben is requesting Council consider Annexation at the scheduled public hearing and to table the Plat approval to allow for additional time to work out the potential options. Mr. Luben addressed questions from Council on tabling an issue. Council expressed support for this recommendation.

City Manager Patterson presented Council with review of the future agenda requesting input from Council on any items that need to be removed from consent. After further review, Council did not wish to remove any items from consent.

Councilmembers went around the table reporting updates for each of their respective board meetings and news.

Councilman Hopkins voiced concern regarding Councilman Hedquist's absences from Work Session Meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval led a discussion regarding the Natrona County Library Committee and future options with the County. This item will be on an upcoming Work Session Agenda.

A tour for Councilmembers of City facilities will be Monday, June 15th.

Councilman Cathey indicated he has had a citizen concern come to his attention regarding the design selection of the new ski lodge. City Manager Patterson stated the out-of-state firm selected has experience that the local companies did not. Further Council discussion determined this item will most certainly be off consent when brought to a Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

There being no further business Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Councilman Cathey, seconded by Councilman Mundell, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.